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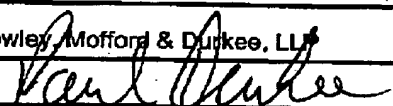
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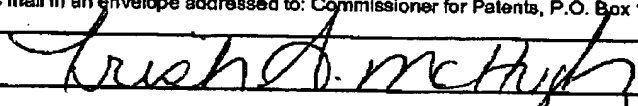
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary mailed on March 10, 2006, a statement of the substance of the telephone call with the Examiner on February 28, 2006 is set forth below.

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In a brief telephone call on February 28, 2006, the clarity of the third paragraph of the Final Office mailed on December 25, 2005, was discussed. Examiner asserted the paragraph was clear. No agreement was reached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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